to examine sick closed textile mills. The Nodal Agency evolves and manages re-habilitation packages in respect of mills found by it to be viable. A Textile Modernisation Fund has been created to meet the modernisation needs of week but viable textile mills. A Board* for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction has also been established to consider the cases of textile mills which are referred to it under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985.

Dacoities in trains ranning between New Delhi and Madras

2372. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many dacoities were commit ted 'between New Delhi and Madras on running trains during the last one year;

(b) the date of commission of each dacoity, the details of goods robbed and the goods subsequently recovered;

(c) whether Government are aware that Railway Police Officer at Gudur refused to register the complaint of Passen-jers; if so, whether action has been initiated against him; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being token to protect railway passengers and their properties from dacoit menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Cases of crime on Railways are reported to, registered and investigated by the State Government agencies including Government Railway Police, which functions under the control of State Governments. The details 6f crimes occurring on various trains are not collected by central agencies.

(c) Since the date and information on the train are not available the Govern-, ment are not aware of the incident.

(d) Government Railway Police provides escorts on Fast/Superfast, Mail/Express trains according to local conditions and requirements. Railway Protection Force also assists Government Railway Police in this task as and when necessary.

Excess capacity in the textile industry

2373. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Textile Policy of 6th June, 1985 clearly hinted at the prevailing excess capacity in the textile industry;

(b) if so, what is the extent of the excess capacity in 1985, 1986 and 1987 in different sectors otf textile industry; and

(c) what steps have,, been taken or proposed to be taken to reduce this excess capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRl RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Textile Policy Statement of the 6th June, 1985 does not make any reference to excess capacity in. the textile industry.

(b) No authentic estimates of excess capacity in the three sectors of the textile industry are available.

(c) The Textile Policy of June, 1985 allows textile units to contract capacities, including closure of a unit or part thereof wherever necessary and justified.

Smuggling of narcotic drugs and other contraband goods

2374. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that smuggling of narcotic drugs and other contraband goods is taking place on a large scale; if so, what are the facts thereof; and

(b) what was the value of the contraband and narcotic drugs smuggled into the